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25X1	Relations Committee staff, and connection with the request that the Director appear before the Committee in connection with the matter. See Memo for Record.	25 X1
25X1	13. Met with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding Soviet ICBM deployment, Soviet air and naval activity in Egypt, Soviet submarines in Cuban waters, ChiCom strategic missile developments and the Cambodian situation. Mr. Preston said he had just come from a meeting between Secretary Laird and Chairman Mahon in which the Chairman asked Laird why Defense had not objected to the Fulbright amendment in their reclama to the Defense Appropriations bill. Laird said he had not wanted to formally object but he thought this amendment should be deleted since it apparently caused some problems for CIA. Preston told me that Mahon agreed that the Fulbright amendment was undesirable and would probably oppose it in conference, but Preston thought it would be well for the Director to let the Chairman know firsthand about our problem with this amendment. I passed this suggestion on to the Director.	
25X1	Affairs Committee staff, in response to his request. He said the Committee was much interested in the case of the attempted defection from the Soviet trawler of a Lithuanian seaman whom the Coast Guard had refused to accept. Westphal said the Committee had some info that there had been radio communications between the captain of the Russian trawler and the Soviet Embassy in Washington and asked if I could shed any light on this. I said this was out of our field	25X1
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